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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lawrence Hancock et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

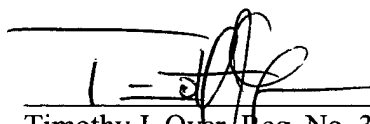
Prior to calculating the filing fee in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 19-43, 45, and 47-127, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue claims identical or similar in scope to that of the canceled claims in this or a continuing application.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 573-7851.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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